

CLASSIFICATION SECRETCOUNTRY East Germany REPORT 25X1TOPIC Soviet Troop TrainsEVALUATION PLACE OBTAINED 25X1DATE OF CONTENT DATE OBTAINED DATE PREPARED 20 April 1955 25X1REFERENCES PAGES 3 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE) 25X1REMARKS This is UNEVALUATED Information

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1. Troop trains observed between 12 and 25X1
22 March 1955 included:

Date in Number of From To 25X1
March Cars

12	40 with soldiers, artillery pieces and trucks	Wuensdorf	Spremberg
	30 with soldiers, T-34 tanks and trucks	Luebben	Klinge
	42; 800 tons	Beeskow	Forst
13	38; 900 tons	Riesa	Forst
	undetermined; 90 axles	Fuerstenwalde	Forst
	26 cars with 2 SP guns, 2 tanks, 1 armored scout car, artillery pieces and soldiers	Cottbus	Spremberg
	42; 1,000 tons	Koenigswusterhausen	Spremberg
	52	Roederau	Forst
	48	Elsterwerda	Klinge
14	44	Riesa	Forst
	30 F with artillery pieces, trucks and an armored scout car, 12 B with soldiers	Jueterbog	Cottbus

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<u>Date in March</u>	<u>Number of Cars</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
14	14 B, 32 F with soldiers, artillery pieces and trucks	direction of Falkenberg	Cottbus
	4 F with 2 armored scout cars and 2 T-34 tanks	Cottbus	Sprenberg
21	50 with soldiers and trucks	Forst	toward Falkenberg
	12 B, 32 F with soldiers, artillery pieces and trucks	Forst	Cottbus
22	16 B, 7 F	Forst	Cottbus

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B - boxcar; F-flatcar.

2. On 21 March, 11 troop trains went to the Koenigsbrueck area and back. Troop trains which could be determined went from Schwepnitz to Grimma, from Leisnig to Koenigsbrueck, from Roederau to Koenigsbrueck and from Berna to Schwepnitz.²

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3. [] troop trains []
between 15 and 20 March:

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<u>Date in March</u>	<u>Number of Troop Trains</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	
15	5 with artillery	Altenburg	Wisleben	3
18	3	Cottbus railroad district	Wittenberg	4
19	3	Zeitz	Ohrdruf	
	4	Altenburg	Ohrdruf	
20	5	Merseburg	Altenburg	3

4. On 25 March, a troop train of 17 B with soldiers and an undetermined number of F with 6 x 152-mm field howitzers, 4 x 100-mm AF guns, 4 field kitchens and 51 trucks passed through the Satzkorn railroad station. The train came from the direction of Oranienburg and proceeded toward Jueterbog.⁵

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5. On 27 March, four troop trains []
went from Altengrabow to Grunow. ⁶

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6. Comment. Other reports clearly indicate that a field exercise each of the 7th Gds Mecz Div and 6th Gds Mecz Div was held in the Forst - Klinge - Cottbus area between 15 and 19 March and 22 and 26 March 1955 respectively. According to the information on the troop trains

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in the present report, the 9th Mecz Div conducted a field exercise in the area around Spremberg immediately adjacent to the south on and after 12 March 1955. No conclusions can be drawn concerning the troop trains which went from posts of the 9th Tk Div to the Forst - Klinge area during the same time. A division field exercise was held by this division in the Zeithain - Muehlberg area on 20 March 1955.

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Comment. The troop trains probably belonged to the 8th Gds Mecz Div. Other reports indicate that components of the division from Leipzig and Grimma conducted field exercises in the Grimma - Oschatz area between 21 and 26 March 1955. It has not been determined if the above troop trains are being connected with these field exercises or not.

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3. Comment. According to another report, four troop trains with artillery units were observed en route from the direction of Altenburg toward Leipzig on 16 March 1955. The troop trains in the reference report thus did not go to Altengraew as was previously assumed. Mislezen as receiving station and the probable return of the same units from Herseburg on 20 March 1955 indicate that the troop trains were operated in conjunction with the field exercise of the 21st Gds Mecz Div in the Lossa area.

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Comment. Troop trains and troop movements from Wittenberg toward Jueterbog on 16 and 18 March, and four troop trains which returned from the direction of Jueterbog on 20 and 22 March 1955 were indicative of a field exercise of the 6th Gds Tk Div. The troop trains in the present report are probably connected with this maneuver.

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5. Comment. Other reports indicate that artillery units of the 25th Fk Div were stationed at Jueterbog for firing practice between 25 and 29 March 1955.

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6. Comment. According to another report, six troop trains also went from the Jueterbog area to Grunow, southwest of Frankfurt/Oder, on 26 March 1955.

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